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News

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Dear Wisconsin Children's Safety Advocates:

In January, 2001, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued **six (6) recalls relating to products affecting children.** Attached is a summary of the releases identifying the product, problem and what should be done with the recalled product.

We have found that not all of the recalls are picked up by the news media as they occur. This monthly summary will give you the opportunity to review all of the children's product safety recalls for the past month.

If you are interested in a complete text of the recall, double click on the hyperlink at the end of the recall description. This will take you to the CPSC website and the actual recall notice.

If you have other product safety questions you may call our toll free number at **(800) 422-7128 and then press "zero" (0) to speak with Product Safety.** You should leave your name, your organization's name and a phone number.

Following is a listing of the six "KIDS" recalls by title and identification number:

- ❖ Carter's is recalling Infant Jumpers for Repair. #01-075
- ❖ Seattle Bike Supply is recalling Children's Bicycles. #01-074
- ❖ Playskool is recalling "Busy School Bus" Toys for Repair. #01-070
- ❖ Trends Clothing Corp. is recalling Girls' Sweatshirts. #01-067
- ❖ Designer Classics LLC is recalling Childrens' Jeans & Overalls. #01-066
- ❖ BBC International Ltd. is recalling Crayola Toddler Boots. #01-064

We hope you find this service of value and that it assists you to:

"KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE!"

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Release Number: 01-075 The William Carter Co. (Carter's®), of Morrow, Ga., is voluntarily recalling about 600,000 infant jumpsuits for repair. The recalled infant jumpsuits have a 6-inch long satin ribbon tied through the zipper pull tab. The ribbons are solid in color or have "Carter's" printed on them. Recalled models are either 100 percent

cotton interlock jumpsuits with a teddy bear, bunny or puppy embroidery design on the front; or cotton/polyester blend velour jumpsuits with a teddy bear or bunny embroidery design on the front. The jumpsuits were sold in sizes Small (0-3 months), Medium (3-6 months), and Large (6-9 months). Outlet, department and specialty stores nationwide sold these jumpsuits from May 2000 through December 2000 for \$14 to \$20.

Problem: A ribbon that runs through the zipper pull tab can detach, resulting in a potential choking hazard.

What to do: Consumers should immediately remove and discard the ribbon. The garment then can be worn without the ribbon. For more information, consumers should call Carter's toll-free at (888) 339-2129 anytime or visit their website at <http://www.carters.com/recall2.html>.

- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml01/01075.html>

Release Number: 01-074 Seattle Bike Supply, of Kent, Wash., is voluntarily recalling about 1,400 children's bicycles. Bicycles that are part of this recall are all model-year 2001 Torker Blaster 16-inch Boy's bicycles in red, black, blue, or chrome, and Sunflower 16-inch Girl's bicycles in yellow, pink or florescent green. The Torker brand name and the model names are on the frames. Bicycle stores sold these bicycles nationwide from September 2000 through December 2000 for about \$130.

Problem: The bikes' pedals are too low to the ground, they fail to meet federal bicycle standards. Children can lose control when a pedal strikes the ground, causing falls and injuries.

What to do: Consumers should stop using the bicycles immediately, and return them to the store where purchased for a free repair. For more

information, call Seattle Bike Supply at (800) 283-2453 anytime, or write to Seattle Bike Supply, 7620 S. 192nd, Kent, WA 98032.

- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml01/01074.html>

Release Number: 01-070 Playskool, of Pawtucket, R.I., is voluntarily recalling to replace about 12,500 Busy School Bus toys. Only item number 5527 toys with date codes 91671 through 91883 are being recalled to replace. The item number and date code are printed on the bottom of the toy. A yellow Playskool logo is imprinted on one side and "MADE IN CHINA" imprinted on the bottom. Playskool's Busy School Bus toy is an 8-1/2 inch-long yellow plastic school bus-shaped toy with a carry handle and blue wheels. The front of the Busy School Bus toy has a smiling face and a male figure that moves up and down when a child rolls the toy. A bell rings when the toy is rolled and when the sliding red stop sign is moved back and forth. One side of the toy features a green door with a red Playskool logo and a yellow awning piece. When the door is opened, a decal of a child with animals is revealed. Mass merchandise and toy stores sold these toys nationwide for about \$10. The toys were sold from June 1999 through January 2001. Busy School Bus toys, with item number 5527 but with date codes lower than 91671 or higher than 91883 are not part of this recall to replace program.

Problem: On certain units, the yellow "awning" piece above the bus' door can break loose, posing a choking hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers should take these toys away from young children immediately, and contact Playskool at (888) 510-1561 or visit their web site at <http://www.hasbro.com/consumer/safety.html> to receive a free toy of equal value.

- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml01/01070.html>

Release Number: 01-067 Trends Clothing Corp., of Hialeah Gardens, Fla., is recalling about 6,600 Ocean Pacific® girls' sweatshirts. These navy blue Ocean Pacific girls' long-sleeve hooded sweatshirts were sold in sizes 2T through 12 in pullover and zip-up front styles. "OP" is on the front of the sweatshirts and on a collar label. Also on a collar label is written either "Made in Pakistan" or "Made in Guatemala." Upton's, Lamont's, Gottschalks, and Sports Authority stores nationwide sold these sweatshirts from August 1999 through October 1999 for about \$30.

Problem: The sweatshirts have hood drawstrings. Children can get entangled and strangle in the drawstrings that catch on objects, including playground equipment, fences and tree branches.

What to do: Consumers should remove the drawstring from these garments immediately, or return them to the store where purchased for a refund. For more information, consumers should contact Trends Clothing Corp. at (800) 7-TRENDS (787-3637) between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday ET.

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<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml01/01067.html>

Release Number: 01-066 Designer Classics LLC, of Keasbey, N.J., is recalling about 11,000 of its children's jeans and overalls manufactured under the BABY GUESS and GUESS GIRLS label. The denim jeans and overalls were sold in sizes 6 months through 6X. They have the following style numbers on the bottom of the care label: KL11450, KH11448, JL21338, JH21408, and JH31288. "Made in Indonesia" and the size is on the front of the care label. The BABY GUESS or GUESS GIRLS label is above the care label. Department and specialty stores nationwide sold the garments from October 2000 to December 2000 for between \$36 and \$42.

Problem: The small decorative metal appliques on the legs of the garments can come loose and separate, posing a choking hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers should stop using these garments immediately and call the company for instructions on returning the garment for another garment of the same size. Consumers should contact the company toll-free at (888) 626-4939 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.

Garments should be sent to Designer Classics LLC, Attention: Recall, 22351 Wilmington Ave.,

Carson, CA 90745. Consumers will be reimbursed for standard postage.

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<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml01/01066.html>

Release Number: 01-064 BBC International Ltd., of Boca Raton, Fla., is recalling about 38,000 pairs of Crayola® toddler boots. The recalled Crayola® boots come in boys' and girls' styles. The boys' boots are blue and black with a toggle on each boot to use to tighten the laces. The boots have a patch featuring a space scene with a "crayon rocket." The girls' boots are white with pink and lavender trim, and also have a toggle on the laces. The patch on the side of the girls' boot shows a snow scene of two kittens. Both style boots were sold in sizes 6 through 10. A tag on the side of the boots reads, "Crayola®." "MADE IN CANADA" is imprinted on the bottom of the boots. Discount department stores, including Ames, Bradlees, Anne & Hope and Forman Mills, sold these boots from September 1999 through December 1999 for about \$20. These boots were manufactured by Rallye Footwear Inc., of Canada, for BBC International Ltd.

Problem: The toggle, a small plastic ball attached to the laces, can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers should remove the toggles from the laces of these boots immediately and throw the toggles in the trash. Consumers can return the boots to the store where purchased for a refund. For more information, contact BBC International at (800) 632-4450 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.

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<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml01/01064.html>

